JPC probe in Co-operative Banks Scam

88. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Finance Minister has been urged to accept the demands for JPC probe in Co-operative Banks Scam;

(b) if so, whether Rs. 500 crore scam in treasury operations in Government securities of Co-operative Banks has been referred to the Joint Parliamentary Committee for further probe;

(c) if so, by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(d) what are the main reasons for delay in taking this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE) : (a) to (d) During the course of discussion on a Calling Attention Motion on 16th May, 2002 in Rajya Sabha on the subject of securities scam in Co-operative Banks, some Members had urged to entrust the enquiry to the Joint Parliamentary Committee as well as to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The then Finance Minister in his reply had stated that Government would look into the matter with reference to constitutional position on the subject as it also involves the State Government. Government of Maharashtra has since been requested to consider handing over these cases to CBI for investigation.

Rise in production of LPG

89. SHRI LAJPAT RAI :

SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of LPG from refineries in the country has risen to the level which is higher than the estimated requirement;

(b) what is the number of household LPG connections together with the number of total families in the country;